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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 2619

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IS US SA

SUBJ: SAUDI C-130 IN ISRAEL

REF: STATE 087709

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM OUR USDAO 0758 THAT THE SAUDI AIRCRAFT WAS RELEASED EARLY THIS MORNING AND HAS NOW DEPARTED ISRAELI AIR SPACE. THIS BIZARRE INCIDENT WAS HANDLED SMOOTHLY AND SMARTLY BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN MY VIEW AND I HAVE WRITTEN PERES THANKING HIM SPECIFICALLY FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE THREE AMERICANS ON BOARD. ONE OF THE REASONS THE PLANE COULD NOT DEPART LAST NIGHT WAS THE REQUIREMENT FOR CREW REST, THE CREW HAVING BEEN SOMEWHAT DISCOMBOBULATED BY THE EXPERIENCE. THE SAUDIS WERE UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS, BUT RELAXED AS THEY WERE SHOWN SUITABLE HOSPITALITY, INCLUDING BEING FED AND BEDDED DOWN AT AN ISRAELI AIR FORCE OFFICERS BILLET. IN FACT, ISRAELIS  
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SERVICED C-130 AND OFFERED TO MAKE CERTAIN MINOR REPAIRS BUT

THESE WERE POLITELY DECLINED.

2. ONLY LINGERING PROBLEM I CAN SEE IS THE ANTICIPATED  
QUESTIONING ABOUT THE ROLE OF AMERICANS IN TRANSPORTING  
SAUDI SOLDIERS TO AND FROM A COUNTRY (SYRIA) WITH WHICH ISRAEL  
IS TECHNICALLY AT WAR.  
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